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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION OF AFRICAN QUESTIONS WITH
IRANIAN FINANCE MINISTER

1. AT CONCLUSION OF U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, THE SECRETARY HAD A FINAL MEETING WITH
FINANCE MINISTER YEGANEH IN WHICH SEVERAL AFRICAN MATTERS
WERE DISCUSSED. AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI, AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN
AND ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER WERE ALSO PRESENT.

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2. HORN OF AFRICA. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT WE HAVE SENT
A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE TO THE EFFECT THAT HE
MUST WITHDRAW FROM THE OGADEN; IT WAS IN HIS INTEREST TO
DO SO AND, IF HE DID, SOMALIA'S POSITION WOULD BE DEFENS-
IBLE BEFORE WORLD OPINION. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT IF
SOMALIA WITHDREW ITS TROOPS TO WITHIN ITS OWN BORDERS, THE
U.S. WOULD AGREE TO THIRD-COUNTRY TRANSFERS AND WOULD

CONSIDER THE SUPPLY OF SOME DEFENSIVE WEAPONS OURSELVES.
WE WERE URGING SOMALIA TO USE THE OAU OR UN MECHANISMS
TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION.

3. SECRETARY SAID HE HAD MET THAT MORNING WITH THE KENYAN
AMBASSADOR WHO HAD SHOWN THE SECRETARY A MAP ALLEGED TO BE

OF SOMALI ORIGIN SHOWING A KENYAN BORDER AREA AS SOMALI
TERRITORY. THE KENYANS WERE SENDING A LARGE, VERY HIGH-
LEVEL DELEGATION LED BY THEIR VICE PRESIDENT, WHICH WAS
TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON MARCH 1, TO EXPRESS THEIR DEEP
CONCERN, TO ASK FOR U.S. EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT KENYAN
TERRITORY WAS NOT INVADED, AND PROBABLY TO ASK FOR U.S.
ARMS. THE SECRETARY SAID IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT,
ALTHOUGH KENYA WAS CONCERNED OVER THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN
THE REGION, IT WAS EVEN MORE CONCERNED OVER THE SOMALI
THREAT TO ITS OWN FRONTIERS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, THE SECRETARY STATED THAT
THE SOVIETS HAD ASSURED US THAT THEY AND THE ETHIOPIANS
WOULD NOT CROSS THE SOMALI FRONTIER IF SOMALIA WITHDREW
ITS TROOPS FROM THE OGADEN. THE ETHIOPIANS HAD MADE A
SIMILAR STATEMENT TO OUR OWN EMISSARY. THE CUBANS HAVE
GIVEN A SIMILAR ASSURANCE, AND ADDITIONALLY HAVE SENT
WORD THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TO BECOME ENGAGED IN THE
FIGHTING IN ERITREA WHERE THE SOVIETS ARE PRESENT.

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5. YEGANEH AND ZAHEDI SAID THAT IRAN'S POLICY WITH
RESPECT TO A SOLUTION OF THE OGADEN PROBLEM WAS SIMILAR
TO THAT OF THE U.S.

6. CHAD. ZAHEDI NOTED THAT CHAD HAD BEEN ASKING IRAN
FOR HELP, WITH U.S. ENCOURAGEMENT. HE STATED THAT IRAN
HAD CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS INADVISABLE TO BECOME IN-
VOLVED IN CHAD AT THIS TIME. THE SECRETARY SAID HE
UNDERSTOOD IRAN'S FEELING ON THIS MATTER.

7. RHODESIA. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT USG VIEWS THE
ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AS PROVIDING A PROPER SET OF STANDARDS
WHICH WOULD LEAD TO ELECTIONS. USG REALIZES THAT WE MUST
DEAL WITH REALITIES AND THAT SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE
IN SO-CALLED INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS, WHICH WE HAVE CHARACTER-
IZED AS A SIGNIFICANT STEP, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE IT IS
TOO EARLY TO TELL HOW EFFECTIVE THEY WILL BE. THE
SECRETARY SAID IT WAS OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO
CONSULT WITH THE FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS. MEANWHILE, THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT IS ATTACKING BOTH UK AND U.S., BUT WE
WILL REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH THE RHODESIAN LEADERS OUTSIDE

RHODESIA AS WELL AS WITH MUZAREWA.
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